COLORADO MEDICAID SELECTED FOR PRIMARY CARE INITIATIVE

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DENVER – June 6, 2012 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing announced today that Colorado is one of seven markets selected for the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative through the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation. The Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Initiative's goals are to support primary care to produce better health, better care and lower costs for patients through comprehensive primary care. The CPC Initiative fosters collaboration between public and private health care payers. Eight commercial insurers and Colorado Medicaid will be participating in the CPC Initiative.

"Receiving this grant is recognition of the shared commitment that Colorado Medicaid and our partners have to improving primary care. We will continue to build upon value based effort to receive more value and better outcomes for every Medicaid dollar spent," said Susan E. Birch, executive director. "The funding will help support our innovative Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) model which is helping to transform primary care practices and service delivery across Colorado."

Colorado's grant application focused on building more robust comprehensive primary care for providers participating or wanting to participate in its <u>ACC program</u>. The grant will allow primary care medical providers, who are part of or interested in becoming part of the ACC and have applied for the CPC Initiative, to receive an increased payment to offer enhanced services.

Approximately 75 primary care practices in each designed market will then be selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate. Interested primary care practices should complete the <u>application pre-screening tool online</u> at: https://cmsgov.secure.force.com/cpci/cpciscreening. CMS will accept applications through July 20, 2012.

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for low-income Coloradans, families, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the department, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.